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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT BRITAIN, JAPAN AND CHINA

1. PRIME MINISTER MULDOON ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 22 THAT HE WILL VISIT BRITAIN, CHINA AND JAPAN DURING APRIL AND MAY 1976. TRIP TO LONDON WILL PRECEDE THOSE TO PEKING AND TOKYO TO EMPHASIZE TRADITIONAL TIES WITH UNITED KINGDOM. EXACT TIMING HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, BUT MULDOON EXPECTS TO SPEND ABOUT ONE WEEK IN EACH COUNTRY. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TALBOYS WILL REMAIN IN NEW ZEALAND DURING VISITS AS ACTING PRIME MINISTER.

2. TRADE WILL BE MAJOR FOCUS OF DISCUSSION. IN ANNOUNCING VISITS, MULDOON SAID HE THOUGHT GNZ RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN WAS GOOD BUT THERE WAS POETENTIAL FOR A BETTER ONE. HE DESCRIBED JAPANESE AND NEW ZEALAND ECONOMIES AS COMPLEMENTARY AND SAID THERE COULD BE AN INTENSIVE "FARM PRODUCTS FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS" RELATIONSHIP.

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3. AS IN CASE OF JAPAN, VISIT TO PRC HAD BEEN SCHEDULED
BY FORMER PM ROWLING. CHINESE HAVE RENEWED INVITATION
SINCE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT. AGAIN, TRADE WILL BE MAIN
ITEM ON AGENDA, BUT MULDOON ALSO SEES VISIT AS PROVIDING
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OTHER ASPECTS OF FUTURE BILATERAL
RELATIONS AS WELL AS GENERAL TREND OF EVENTS IN REGION.
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